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GOLZ *et al.*) Group Art Unit: 1644
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For: **DIAGNOSTICS AND THERAPEUTICS FOR DISEASES ASSOCIATED
WITH AMINOPEPTIDASE-LIKE 1 (NPEPL1)**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This paper timely responds to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 18, 2008. Applicants elect Group I (claims 1-11). Species elections and the claims which read upon each species are identified in the table below.

species	election	claims
disease	cardiovascular disease (ultimate species atrial fibrillation)	1-11
specific activity	metalloprotease	1-11
specific step of contacting	in a cell-free system	1-3, 6-11
specific method from claims 7 and 8	wherein the compound is coupled to a detectable label	1-9, 11
specific method from claims 10 and 11	wherein the polypeptide is attached to a solid support	1-10

Respectfully submitted,

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